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March 25, 1998 LB 59, 63, 1100, 1104A, 1107, 1108, 1110, 1110A 1138 LR 373-390

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Speaker Kristensen. Mr. Clerk, items for the record.

CLERK: Madam President, new A bill, LB 1104A by Senator Raikes. (Read title) Study resolutions, (read brief summaries of LR 373-390). Bills read on Final Reading were presented to the Governor at 10:15 (re LB 1108, LB 1100, LB 1110, LB 1110A, LB 63, LB 1107, and LB 1138). And explanation of vote from Senator Lynch (re LB 1100). That's all that I have, Madam President. (See pages 1355-65 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. We now turn to General File, and LB 59.

CLERK: Madam President, (LB) 59, a bill by Senator Wehrbein. (Read title.) The bill was introduced in January of last year, at that time referred to the Government Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. The bill was bracketed on February 23, after some discussion on the floor. I do have committee amendments pending by the Government Committee, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Chair recognizes Senator Robinson to open on.... Chair recognizes Senator Wehrbein to begin on the bill.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Madam Speaker, members, I'll give an overview of the bill. I have passed out quite an extensive amount of material on this, so those of you that are interested in the history of this may study it in your time. I'm not going to go through all the details, but essentially this restores the boundary between Nebraska and Missouri to the center of the Missouri River. And, for those of you wondering about the history of this, there's quite a history on that; a lot of it goes back as far as the 1800's, in the late 1800's. The point of this is I think virtually no one disagrees that it would be proper to restore the center of the Missouri River as the boundary between the two states. We've had some difference of opinion the last three or four or five years that this has been going on as to whether they're...who would pay for lost property tax revenue among the two...three counties, primarily Richardson and Nemaha, and a little bit in Otoe County, where